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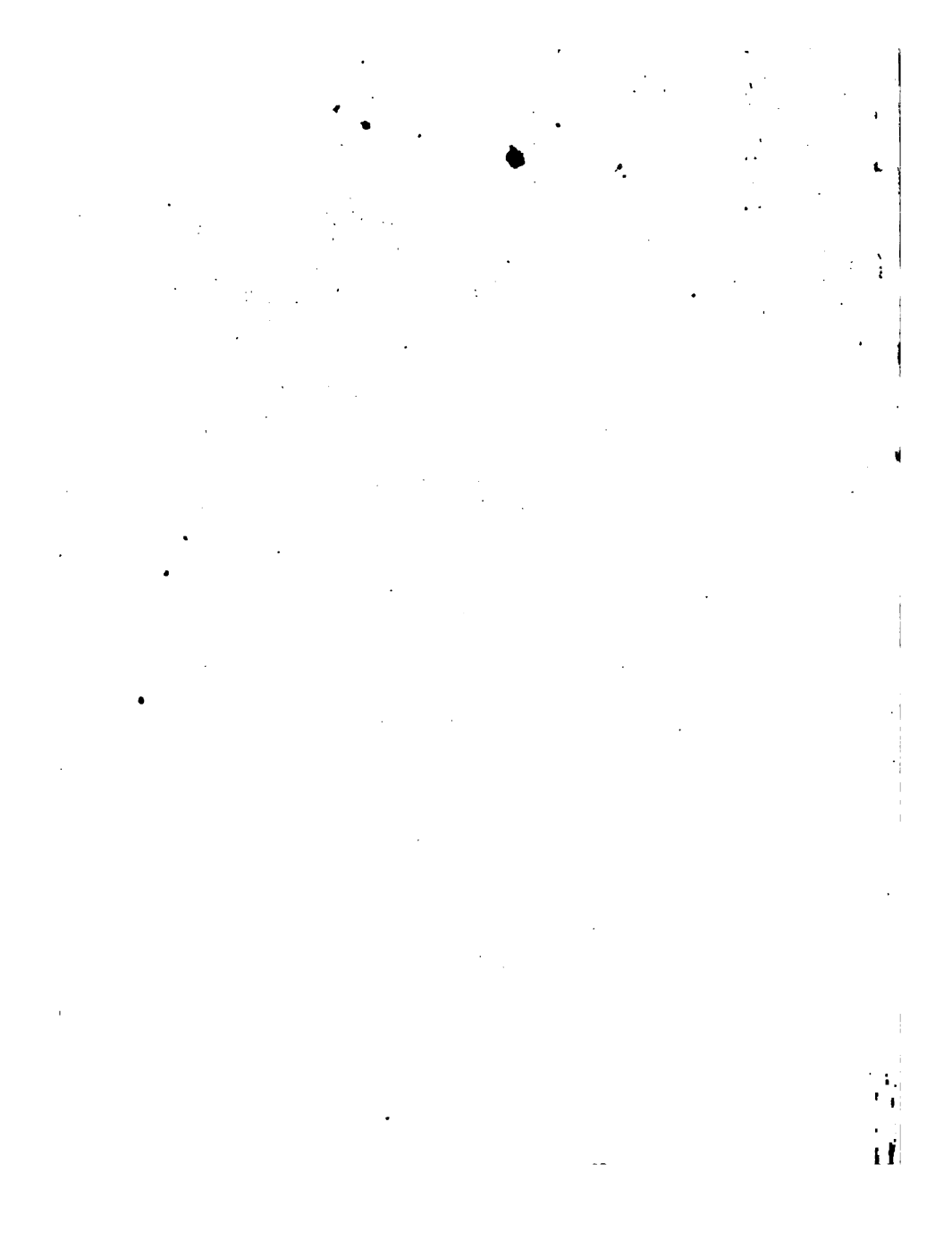




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HINTS  
ON  
MATRIMONY.

BY  
A PRACTICAL MAN.

"If men could be contented to be what they are, there  
were no fear in marriage."

*All's Well that Ends Well.*

London:

KERBY & ENDEAN, 44<sup>o</sup> OXFORD STREET.

1882.



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It may be considered as being what they are, hints  
were no less to be wanted.  
No. 1. With two parts. 1824.

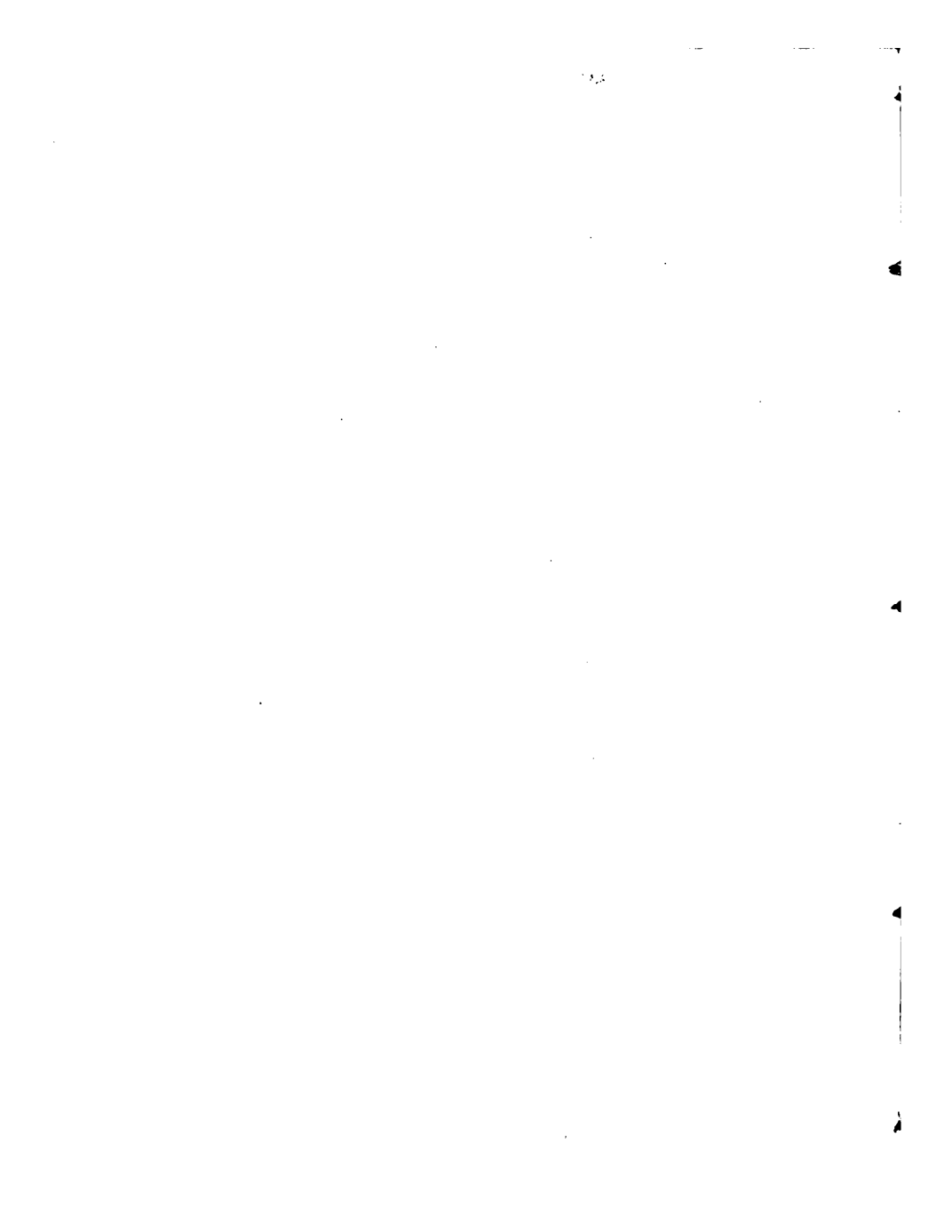
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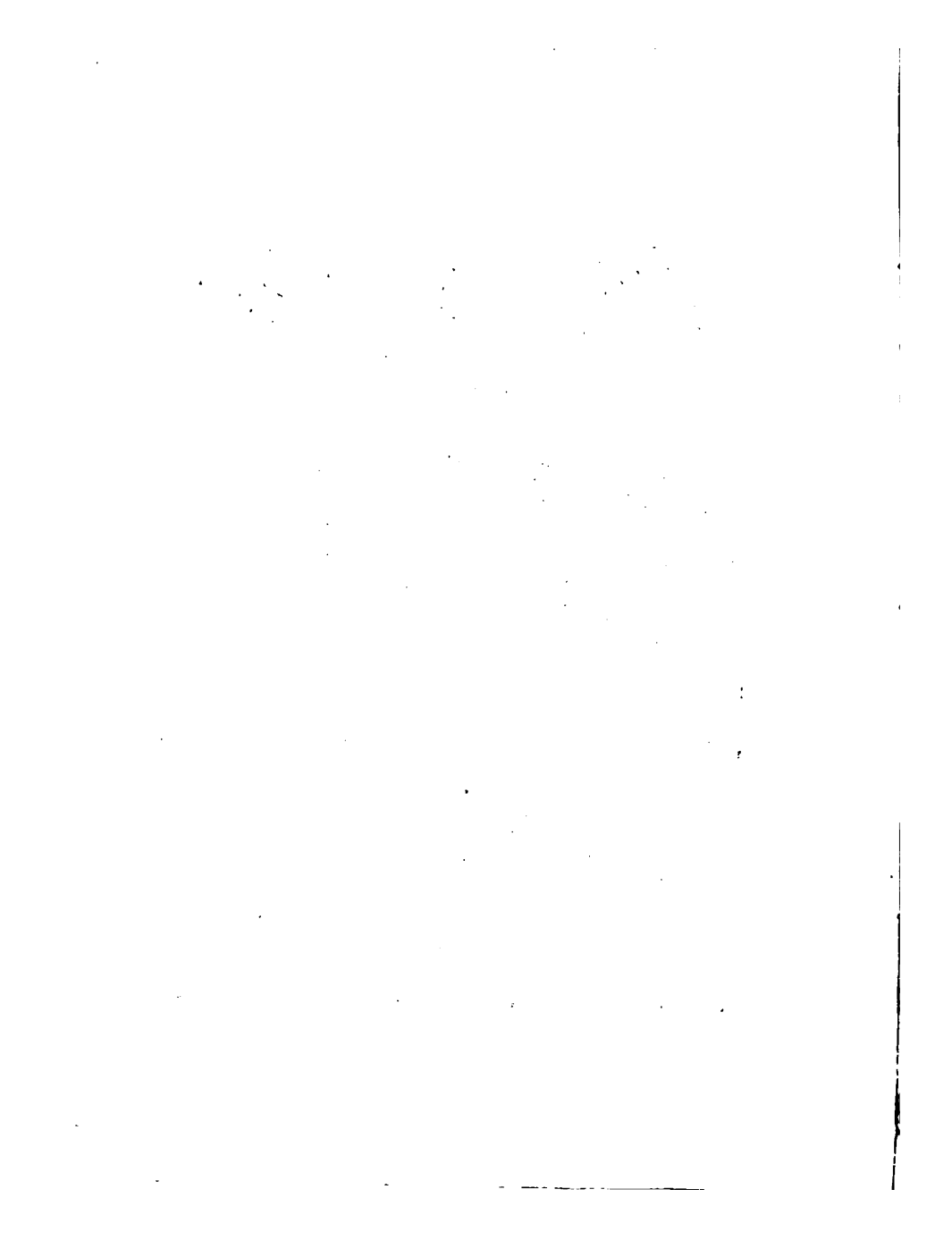


## HINT II.

**W**HEN the breaking off is settled upon,  
it should be done at once. And every  
consideration should be shown by their friends to  
the disappointed couple.


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**"Many have come to a port after a storm."**



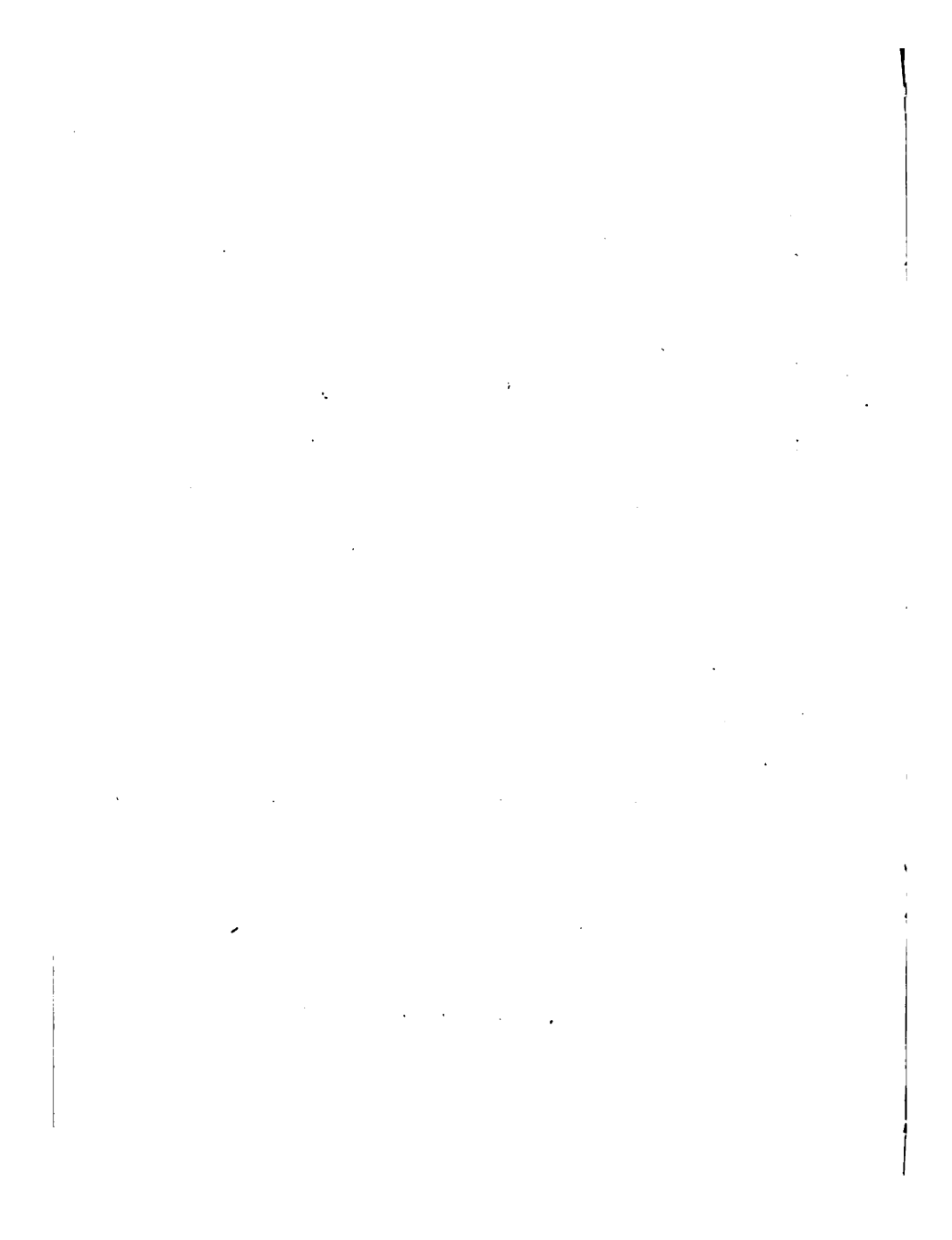


### HINT III.

FTER this engagement has been broken  
off, no intimate association should be  
permitted but with companions that are eligible.

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**“We hate delay: yet it makes us wise.”**





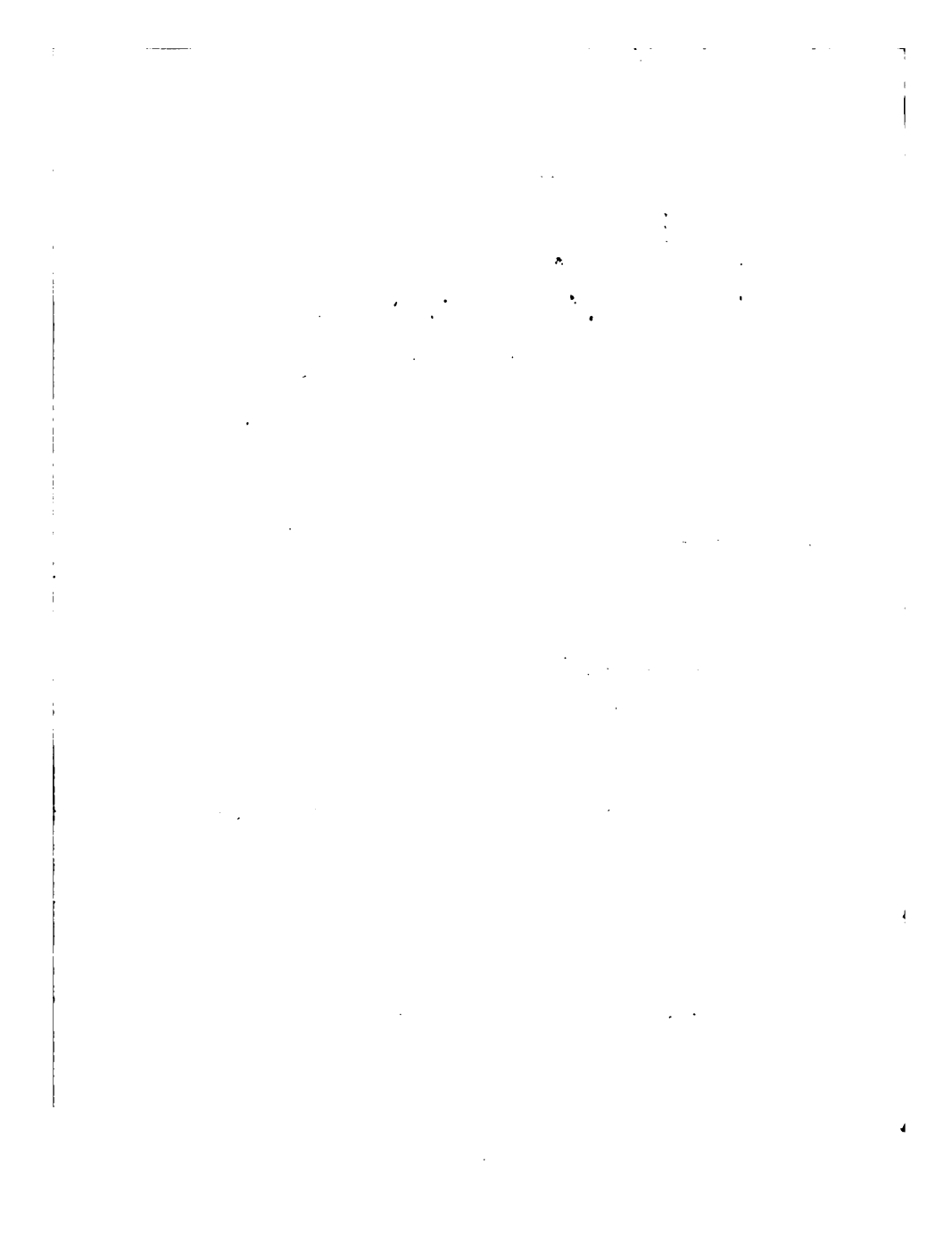
#### HINT IV.



THE up-springing of true affection will then probably arise; but where a match is really desirable and tastes are similar, a very pleasant life may generally be looked for. Commencing, perhaps, without much love, but with esteem gradually ripening into reliable and true affection.

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**“Trusting often makes fidelity.”**





#### HINT V.



**N**EVER marry anyone in whom you have ever seen anything to which you naturally object—such as ill temper, ugliness, or the slightest vulgarity—which you may in the first days of happiness tolerate, but which will inevitably become more observed as time goes on, and will be calculated to fan the flame of disagreement.

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**“Many go out for wool, and come home shorn.”**







#### HINT VI.



**B**EFORE marriage it is never too late to get out of it. It is better, on the last night even, when the house is full of guests all looking forward to the pleasures and varied interests of the coming day, the numbers of people concerned, the clergy in their best frames of mind, the parents and the brothers and sisters delighted, it is far better, if you can summon courage, to announce your objections boldly.

[Hint VI. continued.]

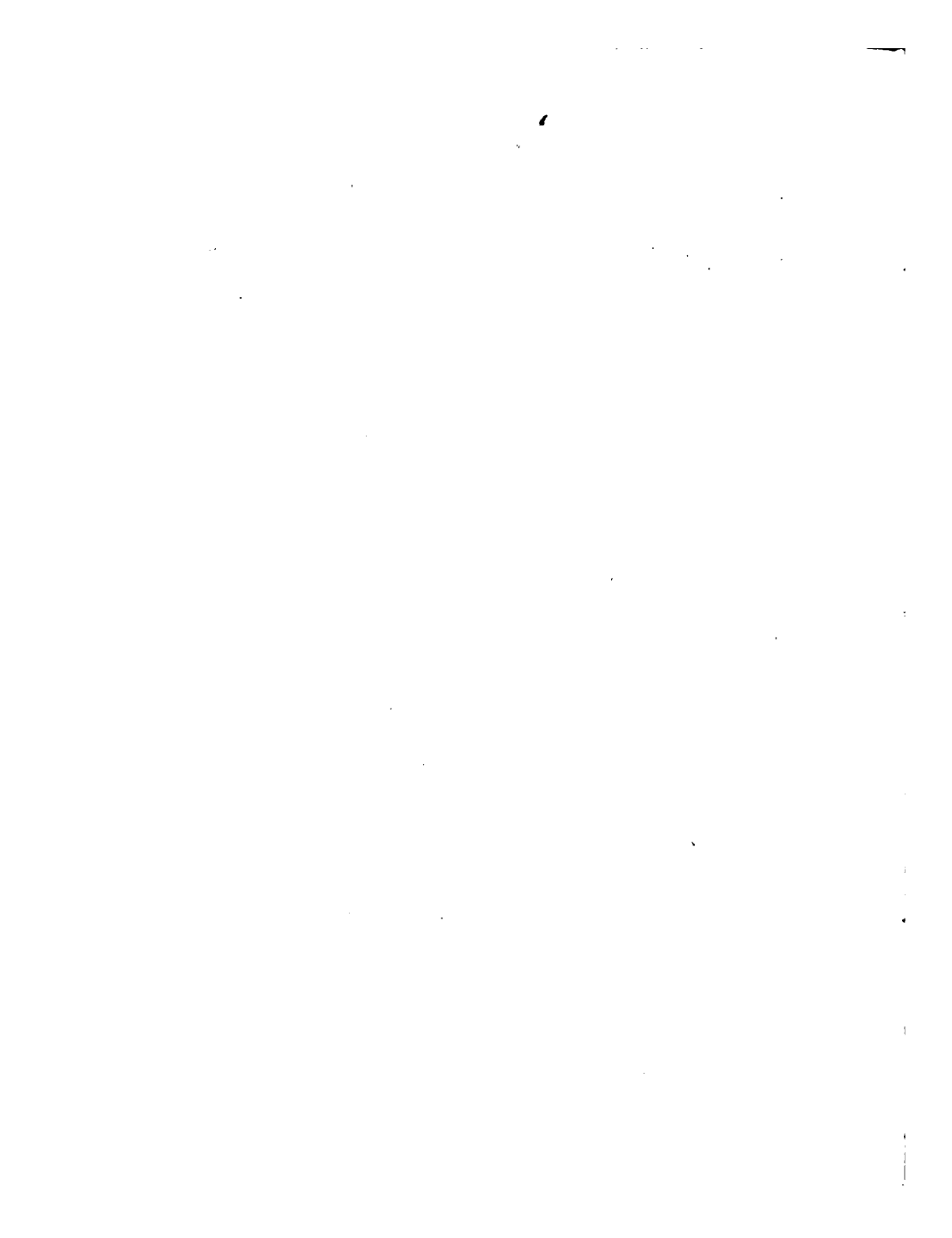




HINT VI. (*continued*).

**N**OBODY will attempt to contradict you, and you will never cease to congratulate yourself and your friends for the escape you have had. Your friends will soon reconcile themselves to it. You will keep all your wedding presents, and everyone will say you have done a very wise thing.

After a fitting interval, in which you may advantageously take up some mental occupation in which you may have leisure to reflect on your recent experience, you are likely to arrive at a sound state of mind, and to form a correct idea of what really constitutes a good match.





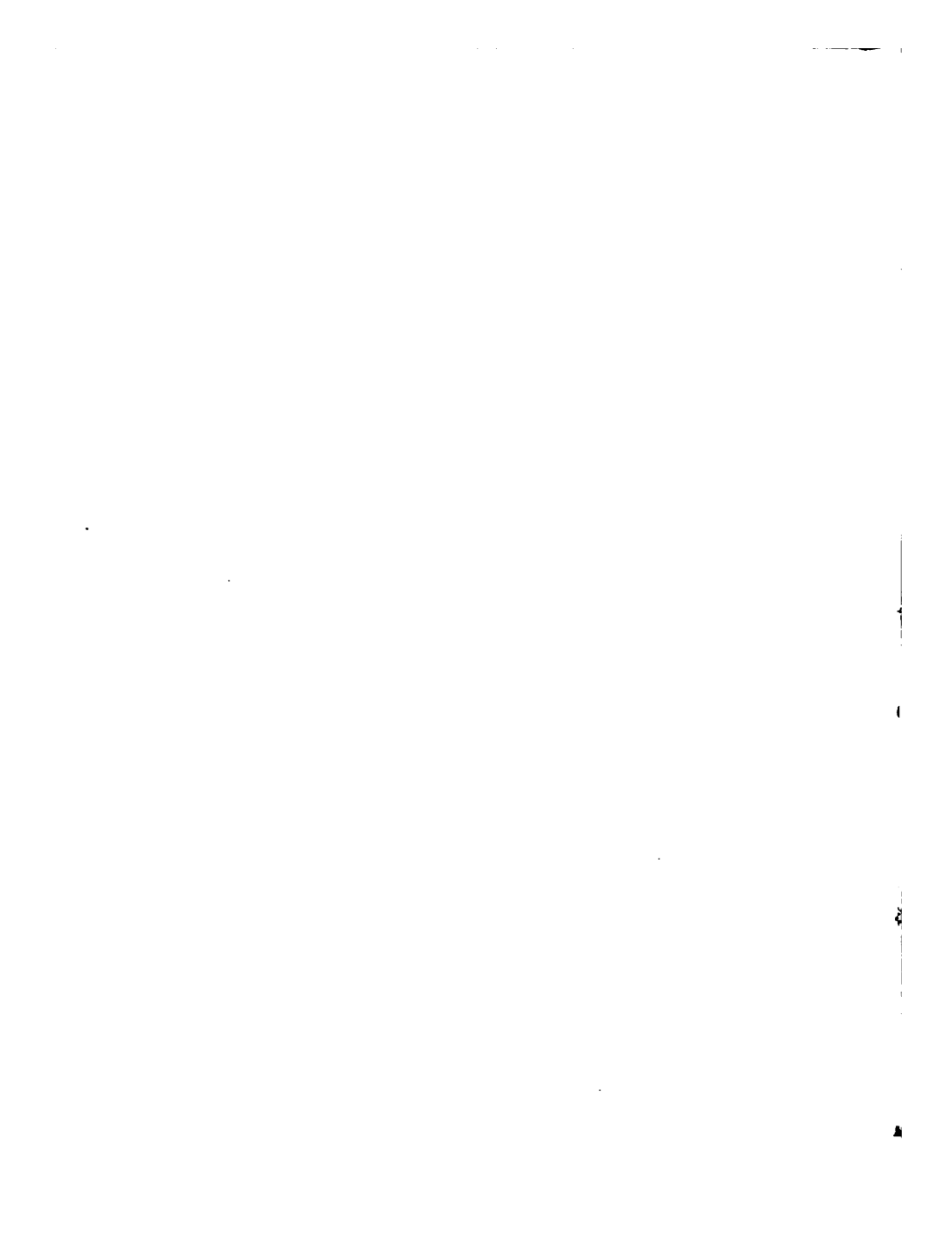
HINT VI. (*continued.*)



IN this you must recollect that a competency and provision for those that follow is a *sine qua non*. A good connection will benefit your family for at least two generations and generally contribute largely to your happiness. If you are fond of Art, or any special accomplishment, you must not unite yourself to one who is dead to them.

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“Better to part disliking than loving”





### HINT VII.



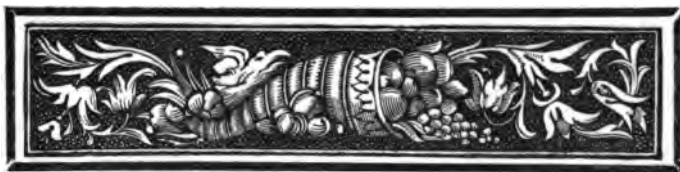
HE most dangerous period is, when  
you think you ought to marry.  
Then no consideration should be  
shown, and no consent should be given except  
to a really good match, with ample means and  
a good connection.

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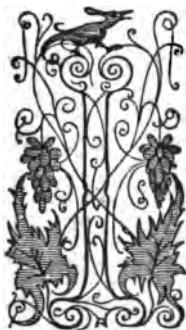
**“That is gold which is worth gold.”**







### HINT VIII.



**T** sometimes happens that, after marriage, incongruities are discovered that do not add to the happiness of the married state. These often lead to very objectionable proceedings on the one side or the other, and the "dissolving" power of the law is called into force. When such a result occurs, it is well that the "divided rights" should speedily be remedied by uniting in other quarters.

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**"Nothing comes out of the sack but what  
was in it."**



#### HINT IX.—WIDOWS.



**A**S regards those without encumbrances, they can pretty well be left to themselves, and they often have a very good time of it; but those who have not may also be left to themselves, as their experience will probably prevent their making any mistake. But if they do, nobody can object to anything but a match which injures relations.

As to widows with encumbrances the Author has no experience, and he must leave it to another Practical Man to give hints to them.

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**“Do not halloo till you are out of the wood.”**

**“Half a word is enough to the apprehensive understanding.”**



